GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:88
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SALE OF SSI ITEMS IN WORLD MARKET
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): whether environmental and quality standards apply on the items produced by the small scale industries in connection with their sale in the world market;

(b): if so, the details thereof; and

(c): the assistance being provided to the small scale industries by the Government so that items produced by these industries conform to the international standards?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)to(c): A Statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY OF PARTS (a) TO (c) IN RESPECT OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 88 FOR ANSWER ON 9TH MARHC, 2005.

(a): Yes, Sir. There are several environmental and quality standards applicable to various items for sale in the world market. These standards vary from item to item, country to country and buyer to buyer and are applicable to the products; whether manufactured by small scale industries or otherwise.

(b): ISO 9000 and ISO 14000 series are internationally accepted Quality Management System (QMS) and Environmental Management System (EMS) respectively. Some of the quality standards applicable to various products are the following :

(1) National Electrical Manufacturers ASSOCIATION (NEMA) Standards,USA

(2) Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Standards, USA

(3) British Standards, UK

(4) Deutsches Institut fur Normung E.V. (DIN) Standards, Germany

(5) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

(c): The Government provides assistance to the small scale industries in a number of ways to enable them to manufacture products conforming with the standards laid down by the international buyers. The schemes of such direct assistance include the following :

(a) product testing facilities at subsidized rates through testing laboratories of the Ministry of Small Scale Industries (SSI) located in various regions of the country;

(b) incentive scheme of the Ministry of SSI to assist registered small scale industries in acquiring ISO certification (for quality and environment management) for registered small scale industries by acquiring ISO certification under which charges for acquiring ISO 9001/14001 (or its equivalent) certification are reimbursed to the extent of 75 per cent of the cost, subject to a maximum of Rs. 75,000/-; and

(c) grants-in-aid offered by the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry to cashew exporting units to improve quality and obtain international certification.